Metamorphosis
By Pat Merelo

A time capsule, St. Luke’s Hospital and a black walnut tree meld to enhance an environment of creativity and growth. The distressed, mammoth 200-year-old tree stood on land that was to be used for the construction of the new Outpatient Building B, and was one of the trees felled to clear the site. It witnessed the transition of St. Louis being incorporated as a city, the Civil War, a railroad connecting St. Louis to the west, steam boat travel, and in 1878, 12 telephone subscribers. (A far cry from the first AT&T mobile phone call made from St. Louis in 1946.)

While this tree was keeping an eye on what was to become Woods Mill Road and Route 141, St. Luke’s Hospital was gearing up for a growth period that grew from it functioning in a private house, to becoming the influential medical facility that embraces St. Louisans today.

With a variety of services, one “in house” service, although not an integral part of the medical arena, is the St. Luke’s Hospital Auxiliary. It has grown, since 1953, with its first pledge of $2,974 to what has amounted to date – an excess of $5 million dollars. Through the years, in addition to medical equipment, there were societal type donations including a piano for Surrey Place, $40,000 toward a Tea Room, and as of this year, a total of $112,000 to the Employee Crisis Fund.

This column began with the words “time capsule,” and an impressive vessel it is. In celebration of St. Luke’s 150th anniversary, Don Spaeth, from the Carpenter Shop in the Maintenance Department, created a beautiful brass adorned chest that holds items such as OR scrubs, 2016 St. Luke’s Hospital news releases, a 150th anniversary video and a 150th anniversary t-shirt and champagne glass.

The time capsule chest is walnut. It is crafted of wood salvaged from the 200-year-old black walnut tree that was felled to create space for the new St. Luke’s Outpatient Building B. Creativity and growth, indeed!
Greetings,

The first day of spring has finally arrived! With warmer temperatures this time of the year, it is like a new beginning. The flowers are poking up through the winter cover and soon we will have lots of color. Not unlike our Gift Shop, which is full of spring apparel and jewelry to match. There are also many other items with a cheery spring theme. The Gift Shop volunteers will be happy to help you make any selection. Come check it out!

The nominating committee has presented the 2017-2018 Slate of Officers for the Auxiliary board. Thank you to Paul Switzer and the committee for their work. The officers were approved by the board and will be presented for installation at the Spring Luncheon.

Our Luncheon will be May 12 at Forest Hills Country Club. Look for your invitation coming in the mail soon. We always have such a wonderful turnout for this event. Congratulations to all who will be receiving awards, and to all the new board members. Our newest medical building is open for business, and I am sure there will be opportunities for us to serve!

So, 2017 is already shaping up to be another great year for St. Luke’s volunteers. Thank you all for contributing your time and talent!

Paulette Becker
President of Auxiliary

St. Luke’s Hospital launched the public phase of its $40 million Advancing Excellence with Exceptional Care Campaign in conjunction with the dedication of the new outpatient services building on Jan. 23. Through the early, generous support of individual, business and foundation donors, the campaign has already raised more than $36 million in gifts and pledges. The campaign supports the hospital’s capital and endowment needs, including funds for construction of the new outpatient services building on the hospital’s west campus and the establishment of the Gary Olson Endowment Fund.

St. Luke’s Outpatient Center Building B, the new $40 million five-story, 106,000-square-foot building, adjoins St. Luke’s Mr. and Mrs. Theodore P. Deslorge, Jr. Outpatient Center. The new building provides much needed space for new physician offices and the expansion of St. Luke’s physical therapy and cardiac rehabilitation services. St. Luke’s services that also relocated to the building include these: nutrition wellness and diabetes center; anticoagulation clinic; and wound care and hyperbaric medicine.

“The dedication of St. Luke’s new outpatient services building is a significant event for St. Luke’s Hospital and healthcare in our region,” said Christine M. Cando, RN, FACHE, St. Luke’s Hospital president and chief executive officer. “As our community grows and changes, we work to stay ahead of patient needs by continuing to provide convenient access to the highest quality care and services possible. Through funds raised in our capital campaign, we can continue improving the quality of life for our patients and the community.”

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Membership Appeal

The advent of a new year marks the beginning of our annual Auxiliary Membership Appeal. Auxiliary membership is an investment in St. Luke’s Hospital’s dedication to providing outstanding care with the latest technology and medical innovation.

In 2016, the Auxiliary raised $152,500, which was used towards the purchase of a PET CT Scanner, a surgical table and a CRYO Ablation Unit for the Electrophysiology Lab. The Auxiliary also made a donation to the Gary Olson Employee Crisis Fund.

These funds were raised through the operation of the Gift Shop, on-site fundraisers such as shoe, jewelry and book sales, newborn baby photos, participation in the e-Scrub Program at Schnucks’ stores and through our annual membership appeal.

There are three membership levels: Basic $10/year, Contributing $25/year and Life $250/one-time. We ask that you consider renewing your membership or consider becoming a member if you have not done so in the past.

Your continued support, as well as your faithful volunteering, is greatly appreciated.

Valentine Balloon Delivery

Left to Right: Mona Frame, Ed Levey, Mike Bacon, Dorothy Bacon, Gloria VonBrock, Jill Bowen, Jeannine Nauman, Gretchen Mass, Barb Warneke, Dana Wetzel, Kathy Westbrook

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